

## Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board

# MINUTES

March 13-14, 2013

### Regular Meeting

Lake Arrowhead Resort  
27984 Hwy 189, Meadow/Orchard Room  
Lake Arrowhead, CA 92352

#### Board Members Present

Peter C. Pumphrey, Chair, Bishop  
Don Jardine, Markleeville  
Keith Dyas, Rosamond  
Eric Sandel, Truckee

#### Board Member Absent

Amy Horne, Ph.D., Truckee

#### Legal Counsel

Kimberly Niemeyer, Office of Chief Counsel, State Water Resources Control Board  
Julie Macedo, Office of Chief Counsel, State Water Resources Control Board

#### Regional Board Staff Present

Patty Z. Kouyoumdjian, Executive Officer  
Lauri Kemper, Assistant Executive Officer  
Charles Curtis, Supervising WRCE  
Douglas Smith, Sup. Engineering Geologist  
Mike Plaziak, Sup. Engineering Geologist  
Cindy Mitton, Senior WRCE  
Jay Cass, Senior WRCE

Alan Miller, Senior WRCE  
Scott Ferguson, Senior WRCE  
Richard Booth, Senior Engineering Geologist  
Jan Zimmerman, Engineering Geologist  
Mary Fiore-Wagner, Environmental Scientist  
Carly Nilson, Environmental Scientist  
Sue Genera, Executive Assistant, Board Clerk

**Wednesday, March 13, 2013 - 10:30 a.m.** (approximately 1 hour)

Lake Arrowhead Boat Tour

Members of the Board, Water Board Staff, and the Public toured areas on Lake Arrowhead where the Arrowhead Lake Association has performed dredging and aquatic weed abatement.

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**Wednesday, March 13, 2013- 2:30 p.m.**

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PETER C. PUMPHREY, CHAIR | PATTY Z. KOUYOUMDJIAN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

Chairman Pumphrey called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. on March 13, 2013, and introduced Board Members.

Patty Z. Kouyoumdjian, Executive Officer, introduced Legal Counsel, Water Board staff.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

The Board took a moment to acknowledge the passing of Jack Clark who served as a Lahontan Board member from 1996-2013.

### **1. Minutes**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 14, 2013, held in South Lake Tahoe, CA.

- **Motion:** Moved by Mr. Dyas, seconded by Mr. Jardine, and **unanimously carried** to adopt minutes as presented.

Click here to view the adopted [February 2013 Minutes](#)

## **REPORTS**

### **2. Executive Officer's Report**

Ms. Kouyoumdjian, Executive Officer, presented the [March Written Report](#) and gave additional updates on:

- a. Congratulations to Rebecca Phillips from our Victorville Office who has just received a promotion to the SSA position.
- b. We have scheduled a public meeting for March 14 at the Hinkley Elementary School to present preliminary findings of the Manganese Working Group regarding high levels of manganese found in certain domestic wells. PG&E's work plans for manganese investigations and further chromium plume definition will also be presented. Public comments are due March 20 regarding requests made by PG&E to amend several sections of the whole house replacement CAO.
- c. Last month the Board approved a resolution recommending that the State Water Board approve the 208 Water Quality Management Plan prepared by TRPA. This item will be before the State Board for consideration in May and Regional Board staff will be assisting the State Board with the 208 Plan and CEQA compliance.
- d. We have been holding joint meetings with the US Forest Service Regional Forester, Bernie Gyant, and our mutual staff. We are exploring areas where we can increase efficiencies for both agencies and improve communication, and ultimately improve compliance with state water quality laws. We are focusing on better CEQA-NEPA documents through joint documents, meetings and training sessions. A second area we are focusing on is the differing state and federal water quality requirements. We are on a good path forward to improve our relationships and increase efficiencies for both Lahontan and USFS.
- e. Development of Salt & Nutrient Management Plans is a priority across the state. On March 5 the 9 Regional Boards made presentations to the State Water Board regarding our Salt & Nutrient Management Plans.

**ENFORCEMENT**

3. Public Hearing - Consideration of the Issuance of Cease and Desist Order for Lake Arrowhead Community Services District; Violations of Waste Discharge Requirements of Board Order No. R6V-2009-0037 for Domestic Wastewater Treatment Facilities, San Bernardino County - WDID No. 6B360107001.

Representing the Discharger: Andre Monette, Attorney, Best Best & Krieger  
Representing the Lahontan Water Board: Julie Macedo, OCC, State Water Board

Both parties mutually agreed upon a Cease and Desist Order and declined to provide testimony. Water Board Advisory Team presented amendments to the Order.

**Motion:** Moved by Mr. Sandel and seconded by Mr. Dyas, to adopt the Cease and Desist Order as presented with amendments from the Advisory Team. The Chair called for a roll call vote and the **motion carried** per the following votes:

Aye: Pumphrey	Nay: None	Absent: Horne
Sandel		
Dyas		
Jardine		

Click here to view Board Order No. [R6V-2013-0022](#)

**WORKSHOP**

4. Scoping Meeting – Various Amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Lahontan Region (Basin Plan)

Chuck Curtis, Supervising WRCE, presented an overview of the Basin Plan Amendments and answered Board Member questions.

[Click here to view proposed amendments.](#)

Note: The Board recessed into Closed Session from 3:29 – 3:34 p.m. to discuss matters related to personnel. There were no reportable actions.

*Dinner Recess Approximately 3:34 -7 p.m.*

**REGULAR MEETING** (cont.)**Addressing the Board**

Mark Krausse, Pacific Gas & Electric Company  
Daron Banks, Hinkley Community Advisory Committee Member  
John Turner, Hinkley Community Advisory Committee Member  
Jim Grant, Acting General Manager, Arrowhead Lake Association  
Jim Bellis, Shoreline Compliance Inspector, Arrowhead Lake Association  
Keith Lee, Director of Regional Parks, San Bernardino County  
Phil Krause, Supervising Park Planner, San Bernardino County

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

Chairman Pumphrey called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. on March 13, 2013.

### **5. PUBLIC FORUM**

- Mark Krausse addressed the Board and spoke on PG&E's decision to [Petition](#) Cleanup and Abatement Order No. [R6V-2008-002A4](#) , PG&E's request for [Modifications](#), and PG&E's request for consistent guidance on access agreements and bottled water standards.
- Daron Banks addressed the Board and expressed his concern over the Whole House Replacement Water Program options for the Hinkley community. Mr. Banks also submitted a copy of a letter addressed to the State Board regarding PG&E's Petition to Cleanup and Abatement Order No. R6V-2008-002A4.
- John Turner addressed the Board and notified them that he has been contacted by PG&E (via telephone) asking if he would like to wait 90 days to choose whether to turn on his installed water filtration system or wait, as there may be an alternate option in the near future.

The Chair asked Staff to review the documents and respond to items that fall within the Board's jurisdiction.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **6. Lake Management Strategies for Lake Arrowhead and Lake Gregory**

Mary Fiore-Wagner addressed the Board and introduced the speakers representing the Arrowhead Lake Association (ALA) and San Bernardino County. Jim Grant, Acting General Manager, and James Bellis, Shoreline Compliance Inspector, highlighted efforts that the ALA are doing to maintain lake clarity and to control invasive plant and animal species. Keith Lee, Director of Regional Parks, and Phil Krause, Supervising Park Planner, presented a historic perspective on maintenance dredging and future dredging needs as well as current aquatic weed abatement efforts at Lake Gregory. Water Board staff Mary Fiore-Wagner and Jan Zimmerman followed presentations with overviews of the Pesticide Prohibition Exemption Process and Water Quality Impacts associated with maintenance dredging.

*Note: The Board took a break from 9:12-9:25 p.m.*

### **7. Statewide Mercury Program Update**

Carly Nilson addressed the Board and gave an overview of the [Statewide Mercury Program](#) as well as Region 6 Mercury Issues and answered Board Member questions.

***The meeting recessed at 9:53 p.m.***

**REGULAR MEETING CONTINUED: Thursday, March 14, 2013 - 8:30 a.m.****INTRODUCTIONS**

Chairman Pumphrey called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on March 14, 2013, and introduced Board Members.

Patty Z. Kouyoumdjian, Executive Officer, introduced Legal Counsel, and Water Board staff.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

## 8. Discussion of Lahontan Water Board Accomplishments and Priorities

The Executive Officer, Assistant Executive Officer, and each of the Division Managers presented a piece of this Item to the Board. Discussed were: the Organizational chart and division of workload, performance targets, Water Board programs, accomplishments from the current fiscal year and proposed [Priorities](#) for next fiscal year, and Statewide Policies.

Mr. Dyas requested that staff add watershed protection to the list of priorities with a focus on developing a method of protecting sites in the Southern Region that would be considered prime recharge areas. The Chair asked Staff to consider how the Board may support them.

*Note: The Board took a break from 10:22-10:39 a.m.*

## 9. Discussion of Water Board Enforcement Program

Scott C. Ferguson addressed the Board and presented the Quarterly Violations Report, a review of the Water Board's enforcement activity for the 2012 calendar year, and asked the Board to guide Staff on enforcement priorities and strategies for the upcoming 2013/2014 fiscal year.

The Chair stated that this Item needed greater attention than meeting time would allow and recommended that the Board establish an Enforcement Sub Committee to address this Item in depth. Chair Pumphrey and Mr. Sandel were designated to sit on this Sub Committee and committed to reporting back to the full Board in a Staff presentation at a later meeting.

**REPORTS**

## 10. Reports by Water Board Chair and Board Members

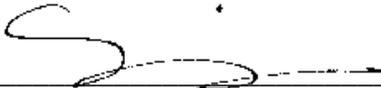
The Chair announced that the Sierra Water Summit would be held June 11-13 in North Tahoe and gave potential dates for the next Water Quality Coordinating Committee Meeting.

11. **CLOSED SESSION\*\***

The Board recessed into Closed Session March 13, 2013, from 3:29 – 3:34 p.m. to discuss matters related to personnel. There were no reportable actions.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:39 p.m. on March 14, 2013.

Prepared by:  Adopted: June 19, 2013  
Sue Genera, Executive Assistant